

Newsletter outline



We are exciting to announce the following events:

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A Message From the Editor!

Dear readers,

Welcome to the AEQUITAS, A UGHE student newsletter. It is a voice for the student community and a platform to showcase what is happening on campus. It is released quarterly.

This edition's theme is "UGHE Narrations," which features students' voices on campus in various forms of expression.

Dive in and have a good read.

For our next "End of Year Newsletter," We are looking for creative talents, clubs, campus event organizers, and individuals who would like to share their stories. If you are interested, Reach out to us at Newsletterworkstudy@ughe.org. Or, if you have any questions or ideas to share with the Newsletter team, do reach out.

In the meantime, invite us to your events and activities so that you are all covered in publications.

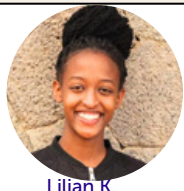
Cheers,

Ernestine, Loic, Liliane K, Merci U, Bertrand, Samuel Baker, Pacifique Aime

Special Mention

Ghislain Irakoze Hayimbere.

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Lilian K.

MBBS'26 WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Alice, Eric, Kevin, Laura, Teta, Francis, Patrick, Bertine, Modeste, Benithe, Loic, Odile, Pacifique 1, Nelly, Pacifique 2, Shabe, Herve, Anaise, Olivie, Keza, Didier, Cara, Ceasar, Iriza, Merveille, Soleil, Ernestine, Deborah, Justine, Nadine, Charite, Christella, Princiana, Prisca, Sabrina, and Hoziana.



The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage done in almost every medical school and this marks the transition from pre-clinical year to clinical years where students spend most of their time learning from the hospitals. During this ceremony, the students are given white coats and stethoscopes as a symbol of their new responsibilities as they become part of the healthcare team. It was a big day for the MBBS'2026 class and the joy, excitement, and pride felt on that day was immense.

The ceremony included multiple speeches that shared their warm congratulations to the class of MBBS'26 for achieving such a milestone and also shared important messages with the class. Dr. Natalie Mcall, Chair of the clinical medicine division, urged the students to always find joy in medicine throughout their medical practice, especially when they are on the verge of moral distress. The Interim vice-chancellor, Dr. Joel Mubiligi, also reminded students of what it means to be a medical professional. He emphasized the responsibility to treat every human life as sacred regardless of their background and see the profession from an equity lens. Dean Abebe also reminded the student that the patient should always come first in whatever they do. "If you remove a patient from the equation, you are just a dude in a white coat," he said.

After being handed their white coats and stethoscope to symbolize their transition the student recited the medical student Oath where the students, in front of their professors, peers, families, and friends, publicly accepted the responsibility that comes with the white coat and committed to a lifelong journey of learning how to cure, relieve, and comfort with humility and compassion. After that, Dr. Francoise Mukagaju, a general surgeon and Junior consultant at King Faisal Hospital shared professional career advice with the student who emphasized what had been mentioned earlier and reminded the students of the importance of sharing their achievements and failures with their loved ones throughout their whole journey and keeps their relationships thriving as well.

The ceremony was closed by remarks from student representative, Kevin Gakuba, who shared with the audience the euphoric feeling that the students were feeling at that point. His speech was full of gratitude, on behalf of his colleagues, to the BMS faculty, UGHE Staff, families, and friends for taking them smoothly through the BMS years, motivating them, and supporting them throughout the whole journey. To end his speech, he urged his colleagues to always remember UGHE's vision and Dr. Paul Farmer's legacy: to advance global Health Equity. It was indeed an exciting and emotional Day for the MBBS class 2026.



The after-party shoots!



The Class Reps, so stunning



Real Dr's Coat no longer
Lab coats



Class Lions



Lionesses

Smiles heals. There were happy about where they were going, calmly praising God as they recalled where they had been (daily quizzes)





Samuel Baker I.

NATIONAL WORLD ANATOMY DAY WITH UGHE CREATIVE & ART CLUB.



UGHE Creative & Art Club members with Prof. Gashegu the Guest of Honor at National World Anatomy Day in Kigali- Nobezeza Hotel

The recent anatomy artwork competitions were held in October 2022 on world anatomy day.

UGHE's Creative Art Club members attended the 1st World anatomy day in Rwanda, organized by the Society of Clinical Anatomy- Rwanda (SCAR) and MEDSAR. Dr. Julien Gashegu, Head Professor of Anatomy at the University of Rwanda, shared the history of anatomy in Rwanda, and how he introduced a cadaveric-based anatomical laboratory.

During the exhibition, several attending doctors, residents, and anatomists appreciated and commented on the promising potential of student's talents in achieving this ambitious goal.

Shyaka T. Modeste, the chair of Art Club shared us the visions.

Art is an important part of medical education, as it can be used to educate, learn, and practice medicine. The Creative Art Club was established to create a community of individuals who are passionate about art, providing them with a space to continue learning and growing as artists. It is important for UGHE to have a community of individuals who are passionate about art, as it can be used for leisure and other creative endeavors.

The future plans of the club are to create more opportunities for its community to use their talents in impactful ways. Some of these opportunities include hosting exhibitions on campus, involving creative communities such as BYC, and visiting galleries.

Anatomy artwork competitions are competitions that were organized by the Society of Clinical Anatomists of Rwanda in partnership with MEDSAR with the aim of promoting students' knowledge of anatomy while developing their talents as well as contributing to anatomy education. Participating students are challenged to design artworks of their choice. The artwork should be addressing/explain any human anatomical structure, surgical procedure, and/or any other related to anatomy and its clinical practice.

UGHE students, among students from other universities, had an opportunity to participate. Moreover, their artworks were exhibited at the Society of clinical anatomists of Rwanda conference that was held on the same day.



Modeste T. Shyaka MBBS'26, The Club President representing his art work.



Ernestine K.

SOHIC-ONE MONTH



Samuel Baker I.



It was first introduced on December 31st, but in January 2022, it was declared, and that made January the International One health month. However, one health day was introduced in 2016 by the one health commission.

University of Global Health Equity 'Student One Health Innovative Club' is a student-led club that is part of the broader African SOHICs. SOHIC is an African One Health University Network (AFROHUN) initiative composed of African universities aiming to advance one health in Africa. Currently, it is comprised of 9 countries and 18 universities. SOHICs were created with the aim of raising students' knowledge & awareness of health and health-related challenges in the community. Its Vision is to "Prepare future One Health champions in their education and workplace settings," with the mission to "develop and strengthen One Health skills and competencies of students by using a multidisciplinary approach with a primary focus on hands-on community activities".

One health month is a global campaign that celebrates and brings attention to the need for a One Health approach to address shared health threats at the human-animal-environment interface. One Health Day allows experts and the community to join in One Health education and awareness. Communication, coordination, and collaboration among partners working in animal, human, and environmental health and other relevant areas are essential to the One Health approach. Working together allows us to have the biggest impact on improving the health of people, animals, plants, and our shared environment. But one can celebrate One Health Day every day by working with experts in other sectors to achieve better health outcomes for all.



Alex A. in SOHIC's Outreach to Gs. Rubona



When we celebrate one health month, we encourage UGHE students to participate in different contests and essay competition is one of the hallmark activities. It is an important platform for the students to express their novel ideas in the one health concept that benefits not only them but also the world at large. 31 students participated in the contest, and it was not just UGHE students but also UR students in any track but who are members of SOHIC in their respective institutions. Grading the essays was over 40 marks and the average score for all the participants was 30.



There's still room for more activities, especially outreach activities. We had held back during covid but now that there are no restrictions, we are focusing more on outreach campaigns, competitions, and collaborations with other SOHICs in Rwanda. Regarding campus events, we are planning to have more activities like campus sustainability and creating a green campus. Stay tuned!

Yes, educating people about One Health can have a significant impact on public health and the environment. One Health is an approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of human health, animal health, and the environment.



Class 2026, at the Ellen Garden (demystifying the history of Gorillas)

By understanding and addressing the links between these areas, we can improve health outcomes for humans, animals, and the planet. One Health education can help people understand the importance of taking a holistic approach to health and disease, which can lead to better disease surveillance, prevention, and control, and improved management of environmental and ecosystem health. Additionally, it can help promote the responsible use of antibiotics, reduce the risk of emerging infectious diseases, and improve public health and the environment.



Class 28, didn't miss this chance to witness the great history and legendary work by Diana Fossey



POEM: LIFE ON THE STREET

ETIENNE MANIRARORA, MBBS 28.



The children of the street,
 Live in shadows and pain.
 Their homes are alleys,
 Their beds are on sidewalks,
 Their lives are a constant strain.
 Begging for food, money, and someone to care for is constant.
 In a world, that's often cruel, their cries fall on deaf ears. They
 are the forgotten, ignored; the ones we seldom see.
 Their hearts, dream of a life of love, hope, and joy, where they
 can be who they want to be.
 The children of the street, deserve a chance, just like you and
 me.

The Hope of the Street

The street is alive and well, In the hearts of the children we see.
 Their smiles, their laughter, and their playful ways are a
 testament to their bravery.
 In a world that's often harsh and cold, they find a way to
 persevere.
 They band together and form a bond that helps them overcome
 their fear.
 They play with toys made from trash.
 The hope of the street is their refuge,
 A place where they can be free.

We can make a change, With love, compassion, with care. Give
 them the chance to succeed, to find life beyond despair.
 The hope of the street is precious, a light that can never fade.
 Let us be the ones to help it shine, and never let it go away.

The Children's Cry

The children's cry echoes through the night,
 A sound that pierces our hearts.
 Their hunger, pain, and desperate plight are tragedies that tear
 us apart.
 They roam the streets, alone and scared, with nowhere to call
 home.
 Their parents are gone, their future unclear,
 A fate that they must own.
 We cannot turn away, we cannot ignore,
 We must open our hearts, we must open our doors, They need to
 be loved, to be cared for, to be safe, to Have a roof over our
 heads.
 The children cry signs of pain, but with our help, they can be
 silenced instead.
 Adopt the children in our home -make them sing.



Life without the stress of domestic animals and murder
 from the street
 The beauty of sleeping, and the love of guardians oh
 how it feels.
 they lay heads comfortably, and night befalls.
 the sweetness of the dreams, the night without
 insomnia
 body relaxes, the mind resets, and the idea generated.
 The beauty of the bed with a smooth blanket without
 mud from the road bridge
 The bright future is in their hands, Let`s be the parents,
 not the producers
 Nothing can stress us except the word "injustice and
 inequality."
 We prioritize health and save every life, with every
 action to avoid any strife.
 We vowed to fight for justice, equity, and equality.





Loic G.

HOLDING THE SCALPEL: A REFLECTION OF MY FIRST VISIT TO THE ANATOMY LAB



(Finding Fascia Through Human Dissection, 2022)

As I stood there astounded by the sight of what was once a young man full of life, the lab anatomist was holding that scalpel close to the skin trying to make a cut through or “an incision” as he called it. As my sight trailed across the covered face to the bony protrusions of elbows to the now incised abdomen, I felt my hands go numb. I sighed at the fact that the human body after death can only amount to this much and was mildly comforted by the idea that there is a story behind every human life. A story that will eventually outlive its owner. However, I was also amazed by the sheer complexity with which God created a human body. After seeing the intricate connections in the numerous tiny blood vessels, nerves, and muscles, I felt that it was one of the instances in which the words “Behind every atom of this world, hides an infinite universe.” by the 13th-century poet Rumi accurately presented the picture. Not to say that an atom can perfectly represent a human body but to show that behind the skin there is a whole ‘another world, you cannot expect by just watching outside.

Dissection can be a fascinating and educational experience, allowing individuals to learn about anatomy without the need for anatomy atlas or knowledge of every anatomical feature. Dissection reveals much about the human body and its connection to the environment, revealing new insights and revealing the human body’s internal connections. It is not uncommon for people to be blown away by the process of dissection.

MBBS 26 did their dissection after BMS, which was so exciting for everyone in the class for their young MBBS 28, had this exposure before the start of their anatomy modules, which was so helpful as the lectures were more of a review.

To many students, passion for surgery grows in this period. Exercising making incisions deep or superficial is a wooing feeling.

Despite the many peculiarities of the room such as several bodies placed around with each having a considerable amount of people surrounding with sharp-

metals as in some ritual or the slightly irritating smell that caused some to wear a second mask, I was instead immersed in the art of holding the scalpel itself, cutting and opening a hidden world to the outside and how everything connects to what we see outside.



In a nutshell, my visit to the anatomy lab was a fruitful one. I observed several anatomical structures that I had only heard about or seen in images (which were not at all as beautiful as presented in drawings). In addition, the visit added another layer of understanding I had about my future career as a doctor and how I should approach the patient considering the whole person rather than only the complaint. As Dr. Joshua Owolabi said, it was indeed a baptism to medical school.



Ernestine K.

UGHE HOSTS RESEARCH AND MENTORSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM FOR RWANDAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS.



Samuel Baker I.



Attendees of the RMT with event coordinators from Rwanda's medical schools.

The Research and Mentoring Training (RMT) program at the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) in Butaro, took place on January 25th. It brought together all the leading medical schools in Rwanda, including UGHE, UR-CMHS, and ASOME, to collaborate and plan research training for undergraduates in the country. The event was attended by over 100 participants, including faculty, students, and researchers from various institutions across Rwanda. The program aimed to foster a culture of research and mentorship among undergraduate students in medical schools, and to provide them with the necessary skills and resources to pursue research projects effectively.

One of the highlights of the program was the panel discussion on "Building Effective Mentoring Relationships," where esteemed researchers and mentors shared their experiences and insights on the importance of mentoring in shaping the careers of young researchers. They emphasized the need for a supportive and nurturing environment for undergraduate students to thrive in their research endeavors.

In addition to the academic sessions, the RMT program also provided opportunities for networking and collaboration among participants. Researchers and mentors from different institutions had the chance to connect and discuss potential research collaborations, fostering a spirit of teamwork and partnership. It is expected to have a lasting impact on the quality and quantity of research output from Rwanda's medical schools.



Mr. Shuko's presentation, introducing the attendees on Research basics.



Dean Tomlin-UGHE (right), Prof. Stephan-UR (second right), and the three big event coordinators (Jean D'Amour-UR, Benithe-UGHE, Eden-UGHE) on the left.



The attended ones were from multisectoral study areas. IGHR was there too, to support the movement.



In-session small groups, exercising how to make up or formulate research Questions.

The Research and Mentoring Training (RMT) program at UGHE was led by Dr. Rex Wong, a renowned researcher with extensive experience in global health and medical education. Dr. Wong brought his expertise in research methodologies, data analysis, and scientific writing to guide the participants in developing essential research skills.

Professor Stephan, a distinguished faculty member from UR-CMHS, facilitated sessions on research ethics, study design, and statistical analysis. Mr. Shuko, a seasoned researcher and mentor, provided mentorship and guidance to the participants. Together, Dr. Wong, Prof. Stephan, and Mr. Shuko led the training sessions with great expertise and enthusiasm, inspiring and motivating the participants to excel in their research endeavors. Their passion for research and dedication to mentorship created a supportive learning environment that empowered the participants to unleash their potential and take their research skills to new heights.

RMT leadership would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all the organizers, facilitators, and participants who made the program a success. They also thank their sponsors for their generous support in making this event possible. As they move forward, they look forward to building on the success of the RMT program and continuing to foster a culture of research and mentorship among undergraduate students in Rwandan medical schools.



The End.



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THE CULTURE DAY

2023.



The University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) celebrated its annual Culture Day on Wednesday, April 16th 2023, showcasing the rich diversity and unity among its students, faculty, and staff. This much-anticipated event serves as a vibrant platform for the UGHE community to come together and embrace the various cultures and traditions that enrich the institution's unique fabric.



Malawi

Brikrafaso)

China

Burundi

UGHE takes pride in promoting cultural exchange and appreciation among its international community. Culture Day is one of the flagship events at UGHE, which resonates deeply with the institution's values of equity, inclusion, and celebration of global diversity.

Throughout the day, attendees were treated to a kaleidoscope of cultural displays, performances, and exhibits. Each country or region represented at UGHE had its designated booth, adorned with artifacts, traditional clothing, and informative displays about their culture's customs and practices. It provided an opportunity for students to share their unique cultural backgrounds with their peers, fostering a sense of appreciation and understanding among the diverse community.

The event commenced with a colorful parade, where students and staff donned traditional attire representing their respective countries and cultures. The campus came alive with a symphony of vibrant colors, showcasing the beauty of cultures from all corners of the world. The parade culminated in the central courtyard, where a stage was set up for performances.

The performances on the main stage were a highlight of the event, featuring traditional dances, music, and storytelling from different parts of the globe. Students choreographed mesmerizing dance routines, accompanied by the rhythmic beats of traditional instruments, captivating the audience with the richness of their cultural heritage. Some students also presented heartfelt narratives, sharing personal stories that highlighted the importance of preserving and cherishing one's cultural identity.



Syrian

Ethiopian

Nigerians

USA



Rwandan culture exhibitors, Pascaline on traditional local grinding stone



Jennifer, Visit Tanzania bulletins and tourist movies of how beautiful Tanzania is.



The first cultural exhibitor award was won by Rwanda's Inganji, a traditional troupe that performed a play that delighted everyone

Dr. Rex Wong, delivered a stirring speech at the event, emphasizing the significance of embracing cultural diversity in the context of global health. She stated, "Culture Day is a reflection of UGHE's core belief that diversity is our strength. By celebrating our cultural differences, we foster empathy and understanding, crucial qualities for healthcare leaders who will serve diverse communities around the world."



Director MGH/Cummings, Dr. Rex Wong, Keynote speaker at the event.

The day's festivities also included a gastronomic journey through various cuisines, as food stalls offered delectable dishes from different cultures. Attendees relished the opportunity to savor new flavors and indulge in the culinary delights of countries they might not have experienced before.

UGHE Culture Day not only serves as an occasion for celebration but also reinforces the importance of cultural competency in healthcare. The event encourages students to recognize the impact of cultural backgrounds on patient care, emphasizing the need for sensitivity and respect when engaging with diverse populations.

Culture Day at UGHE continues to be a testament to the institution's commitment to nurturing culturally competent healthcare professionals who are equipped to make a positive impact on the world stage. It not only celebrates diversity but also reinforces the essence of unity in pursuing common goals of a healthier, more equitable future for all.



UGHE community altogether with many other countries represented, a closing picture.

As the sun set on UGHE Culture Day 2023, the sense of camaraderie and unity among the UGHE community was palpable. The event served as a powerful reminder that, despite coming from diverse backgrounds, the pursuit of equitable healthcare and a shared passion for global health unites them all.

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Samuel Baker I.

STRIKING UGHE-SOHIC TEAM WINS NATIONAL GLOBAL CASE COMPETITION



"It's been a fun experience to have this journey with this calm, cool, no-pressure team with the most amazing key team players. Like usually having Samuel Baker with me makes a synergy. So I had a hope of this win sincerely."
Catia Ishimwe

*"I am always positive about my team, everyone's role is far-reaching and rich. I assured no pressure on the team and we did our best under the guidance of our friends and mentors, Our gratitude goes to **Dr. Shyaka Anselme and Ms. Vivianne Umuhire.**"*
Herve Arnould.

*"It made us so proud to have such an outstanding team and especially to have our UGHE-SOHIC stand out among others in the country. We wish them well, and we are grateful for their tireless efforts and amazing work. "I am confident they will win another contest at the higher levels of competition," the UGHE_SOHIC Chair, **Kevin G. Shimwa** told AEQUITAS.*

*A big congratulations to the UGHE Student One Health Innovation Club (SOHIC) on your win in the National Case Competition! Catia, Hoziana, Arnould, Rosine, and Samuel - you made us proud! Keep soaring! With admiration, - **Phaedra Henley, Ph.D., MSc** Assistant Professor & Chair, UGHE Center for One Health.*



The team and lead Judge.

The team stands in awe of thanking all the supporters friends and fellows who in many ways have given their support in any way possible. Having presented outstanding content and presentations that wowed the judges at the conference, the teams' happiness reached new heights.

It is UGHE's pleasure to congratulate them once again and wish them success on their next level.

Herve Arnould on the left, Catia Ishimwe, Rozine Shabe, Hozina Niyotwiringiye, and Samuel Baker Ishimwe on the right, brought the trophy home UGHE.

ONE HEALTH GLOBAL CASE COMPETITION

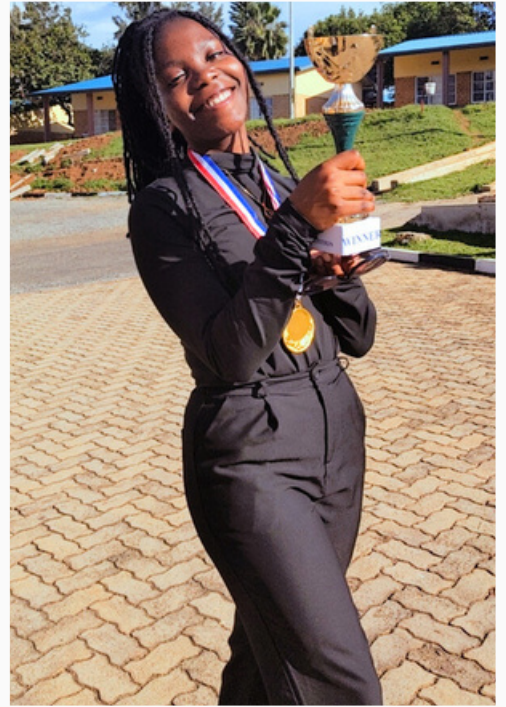
An impressive and most exciting win was announced on 2nd May 2023, where the UGHE SOHIC team bet all other 7 teams from across the country at National Global Case Competition.

This is a competition exclusively set by One Health track at UGHE and its affiliate organizations in Rwanda and Africa AFROHUN. Teams at university levels compete intra-university- wise and the winning teams ascend to compete at the National level.

UR- Huye, UR-Busogo, UR-Nyagatare, UR-Rukara, UR-remera, UR-Rwamagana and UGHE were the ones at National level



After announcing the winner, the MC of the event couldn't wait to have a picture with the winning team.



Featuring the team after all with the trophy.



"The sky was blue by then, all our girls were smiling, and our gents were dancing, as well. It was our aim to give a professorial lecture. The surprise was the quick capture of the judges' questions and the smooth response as if you had expected such questions. The final question Herve answered in a catchy and straightforward manner was quite impressive, and we never imagined we could jump it." [Shabe Rosine](#) .



THE PICTURE OF THE YEAR 2022.



Pacifique H.

The picture that encapsulates the essence of a peaceful future and embodies the spirit of comradeship in UGHE diversity.



Mr. Etienne Manirarora and Dr. Rex Wong
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This picture was taken on September 24, 2022, during the monthly umuganda event. It features Mr. Etienne Manirarora (moving the wheelbarrow), Dr. Rex Wong (Sitting in the wheelbarrow), and a child they met on site.

The image symbolizes the power of collaboration, compassion, and intergenerational unity in creating a better future. It has become an iconic representation of the transformative impact that can arise from seemingly ordinary encounters.

Mr. Etienne and other UGHE community members are dedicated to the Umuganda communal work and have been actively involved in umuganda for years since UGHE was established. With unwavering dedication, the UGHE community selflessly contributes its time and energy to make its neighborhood cleaner and more beautiful. On this particular day, its enthusiasm was contagious, inspiring others to join them.

The picture of the year 2022 serves as a timeless reminder that the seeds of peace are sown through the everyday actions of ordinary people. It encourages us to embrace unity, compassion, and collaboration in our own lives, with the knowledge that even the smallest gestures can have a profound impact.

As we reflect on this captivating image, let it remind us that through the collective efforts of individuals like our very own Mr. Etienne, and Dr. Rex Wong a brighter, more harmonious future is not only possible but within our grasp. It is a testament to the beauty of humanity, inspiring us all to strive for a world where unity, kindness, and hope prevail.





Ghislain I.

THE SCRAPPING VICTORIES.



Heroes Day in Rwanda is a day that is observed annually on February 1st. It is a day to honor and remember the bravery and sacrifice of the country's heroes who fought for the liberation and development of Rwanda. Everyone in the UGHE was excited to learn about the History of Rwanda.

On the day's schedule, a football game was to be played between the UGHE and the BUTARO RDF (Rwanda DEFENCE FORCE).



RDF Butaro football team



The Lions FC, UGHE

At around 3:00 PM, the weather was looking good as the bus carrying the UGHE players left the campus and headed to the RUSUMO international stadium where they would play a side of highly physical and motivated soldiers of the RDF. A massive crowd had gathered at the stadium, and everyone looked happy as they waited for the match. Students, teachers, soldiers, government officials, and the community were there.

As soon as the players arrived, they started to warm up. Running up and down the field, rondos and sprints from both teams excited everyone around the pitch. You could feel the tension rising and there was a feeling of nervousness between the players but as a lion, your bravery must shield you from this.

It didn't take long for the RDF officials and the other distinguished guests. And around 4:00 PM the match official put his whistle and deep from his soul he blew, and the game was underway.

Early on, the game was pretty balanced, with physical play in the middle and lightning speed on the flanks. Both sides attempted to score from the wings. As the game progressed, however, UGHE's players began to be outplayed and started playing very deep blocks. Only sitting deep and defending the posts could keep the LIONS from losing the ball to RDF. The match continued and the RDF tried to be more aggressive, but Coach Adolphe was able to establish some defensive measures to relieve the pressure from the back. With the help of his brilliant players and especially Samuel the Goalkeeper who pulled out some good saves on some special occasions.



Hight table sit; RDF-Butaro officials, UGHE afande Rogers, together with the Burera Disctric officials.



All teams in the pitch waiting for the start whistle. UGHE contactor and professional referee Maganabiri



Elders blessing the players a win wish



Coacher Adolphe, trying to make substituitions. With Evagiste I. the great mid-fielder

The RDF supporters were not yet able to let their team down despite the frustration. On the other side, the UGHE fan base was so, so nervous and irritated. It was so scary to watch, and everyone was in dismay.

The RDF started to take advantage of this, and they were creating chance after chance after chance, but still, they were not able to convert any of them. All of this is because of the brilliance of the LIONS goalkeeper SAMUEL, who came up front on every occasion he was tested.

At the end of the first half, the coach tried to make some solid substitutions to try to cause. Some problems in the final third. The intensity kept rising and in the sixtieth minute, the Lions were awarded a free kick, from 38 meters away from the goalpost

Taken brilliantly by KEVIN, The RDF defenders were not able to bring it off clearly and it found its way to ISAAC who was one on one with the goalkeeper. It was a moment of silence around the pitch. A moment of high pressure. But all this cannot stop a Lion from roaring. ISAAC used his composure to send the ball past the goalkeeper and it was a Goal. 1-0 to the Lions.

Everyone was so delighted at that moment people were screaming and running all over the football pitch. It was a breathtaking moment.

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It was also evident that football is not a game of eleven players alone but also the twelfth player outside the pitch motivating.

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The game ended with a one-Nil victory for the Lions and the players as well as their supporters were pleased with the results that they paraded all over the campus singing heroic songs. It was wonderful to see the students and the staff in the UGHE having fun together. A win that will certainly make them build more confidence and raise their level of patience during the upcoming games.



Previously on the Lions FC Vs PIH-BDH.
 UGHE 2: 1 PIH-BDH.
 Featuring Elie Habiya mbere, the great defender of the march.

Isaac the striker of Lions FC, was Congratulated by Dr. Ornella Masimbi (Head of Simulation Lab) and the UGHE Visting faculty.



Ghislain I.

A STORY TO FORGET OF THE 29/08/2022.

UGHE VS INES-RUHENGERI.



Samuel Baker I.

The 29th of October 2022 is a day on which UGHE had planned to pay a visit to a neighboring university (INES RUHENGERI). The visit had good intentions and the outcomes were in almost all aspects amazing except in sports where the UGHE teams were beaten severely. There were 2 games planned to be played between both schools: football and basketball. However, one school found itself in absolute superiority over the other.



Goals stolen their way to Lions nets like never before

On the morning of the 29th of October 2022, around Midday buses carrying players and supporters departed from the hills of BUTARO and headed to the city of Musanze. As the buses moved, the players' hearts had feelings about the day as they were about to play a side that has dominated sports in the whole of the Northern Province. Anyone can be nervous when this comes to them. But with the support of the students, the staff, the faculty, the BUTARO community as well as the contractors, players had to give their best to come out with a win.

Eventually after a 2-hour journey, the fleet arrived at the huge campus of INES Ruhengeri. There was great hospitality and the food there was amazing. As soon as the players finished their food, they went into the locker rooms to put on their Jerseys, and they immediately went to their respective pitches. Both games started at the same time.

And on the football pitch, it did not take long for the UGHE to make a silly defensive mistake on which the INES team quickly capitalized, and it was already 1-0 to the hosts.



Captain Pacifique Ishimwe, trying so hard to redeem the team.

The game proceeded and the Lions kept trying to seek an equalizer, in the end, they were awarded a penalty for a foul committed on Patrick in the 6-yard box.

The penalty was converted brilliantly from the spot by SEMANA and marked the 1st goal. 1-1 for both teams

The energy was re-ignited across the players, coacher, and fans, a smile after a while which then deemed for good.

The game went on and the hosts kept dominating the ball and creating huge chances in front of the UGHE's goalpost. This led to several mistakes in the Lions' defense, and they ended up conceding 4 goals in the first half. In the second half, the Lions team coach tried to make some changes to seek a way to get back in the game, but it was all in vain because the hosts were more ruthless in the second half and they kept scoring for fun -

and in the end, the game ended in a heavy defeat of the UGHE. The Lions' net accumulated a total of 11 goals.

UGHE 1-11 INES final. (history)

Not only the players but even the fans were so devastated. It is stated that on the journey back home, UGHE buses were only sounding. Inside was a silent call.



On the other side, 3-pointers, layups, midrange shots, and dunks were showcased in the warm-up. The supporters of UGHE on the sideline started embracing the defeat after seeing the height of the INES players who were taller than the Lions. The game started and all the players tried to make points.



At the start, the team had good warm-ups, sprints, and no fear by this time.

But obviously, basketball is a game that demands efficiency and consistency coupled with good technical and physical attributes, and with all that the Lions were not at the same level as their opponents.



Basket ball had took advantage of the northpole where UGHE belonged.



Little bit amused fans, to see what happens even when you train harder.



Coacher Mr. Kiuna tried to make the team recall all the techs learned so that they can redeem themselves. Alas didn't work out.

UGHE players were Lacking in tactical, technical, and physical aspects. Players felt disappointment on the pitch, but it was not only limited to them as they had the UGHE logo on their jerseys.



For sure, the team tried to defend, but the opponent was so uneasy and furious enough to fail them.

Axel, Hertier, and Evagiste were refusing the defeat. Unfortunately, they had to let be what it is.

Regardless of all their efforts the Lions lost 107-68; A three-digit disappointment. So sad but exposes the vacancy at least. It was not the best game played by the Lions, but it helped to identify.

But in the end, these games were also a way to interact with the students in INES RUHENGARI. This was effective and a return game was promised in the upcoming days.



the boys had trainings and real time techs.

FEATURING

SAMUEL BAKER SHINES AS THE 3RD WINNER OF THE NATIONAL WORLD PEACE DAY ESSAY COMPETITION



Congratulations
**International Peace Day
Essay Competition Winners**



KOMEZUSENGE Mertine
1st Position



MUTAMBA Sarah
2nd Position



ISHIMWE Samuel
3rd Position



Background of World Peace Day

(Tripathi, 2022) portrays this subject matter. The theme for International Day of Peace in 2022: September 21 is designated as International Day of Peace each year. In observance of non-violence and a 24-hour ceasefire, the UN General Assembly celebrates World Peace Day by fostering the idea of peace among nations and among people worldwide. The United Nations also revealed the theme for the 2022 International Day of Peace, which promotes the concept of putting an end to hatred and bringing peace to all facets of society.

The primary reason for celebrating International Day of Peace is to promote inter-individual harmony. The day also honors all initiatives made to promote world peace.

*Samuel Baker Ishimwe -
Congratulations*

Our AEQUATUS writer, MBBS 2028

As an UGHE-student contestant in the SCORP coordinated essay competition, Samuel Baker ISHIMWE stood out and was among the winners. He has interest in Mental health and has a diploma in Modern Applied Psychology from MAP Academy-Achology. In addition to receiving a winner certificate, he aspires to keep spreading joy through writing.

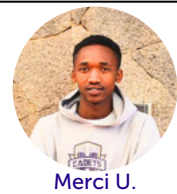
In an interview, AEQUITAS had with Tina Munang, the chair of MEDSAR_SCORP,

"We received a total of 160 submissions," she stated. The majority of the entries were submitted by UR-CMHS students, but we also had a few from UGHE students and others from people in other academic fields, and we also got one from a high school student. The essay competition was widely publicized on numerous social media channels, which resulted in a diverse group of competitors. Added she.

MEDSAR (Medical Students' Association of Rwanda) is one of the members of IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students Associations) and all its activities are carried out through the IFMSA structure of standing committees, with SCORP (Standing Committee on Human Rights and Peace) being one of the six standing committees.

SCORP aims to unite students who strive to create a world where peace prevails and everyone has access to their human rights. It has six focus areas: human rights, peace, human rights & ethics, refugees, disasters, and vulnerable people. MEDSAR-SCORP does its best to plant and water the seed of peace in the hearts and minds of many through capacity-building workshops, awareness campaigns, and activities like the essay writing competition in which Samuel won the prize. SCORP actively functions to educate many and promote human rights and peace worldwide at large.

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organizations**



FOSTERING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD CITIZENS. UMUGANDA



Mr. Aimable and Ms. Eden at wheel barrow at the cite.

During these Umuganda events, we have engaged in a wide range of activities that have contributed to the well-being of our community. These include cleaning streets, planting trees, repairing community infrastructure, and supporting local initiatives, such as building homes for vulnerable families and organizing health and hygiene awareness campaigns.

The response from the neighborhood citizens has been overwhelming, with strong participation and enthusiasm from people of all ages. The Umuganda events have provided a platform for meaningful interactions, fostering open communication and building relationships based on mutual respect and understanding. Through these interactions, we have been able to learn from our neighbors, understand their needs and aspirations, and work collaboratively to address community challenges.

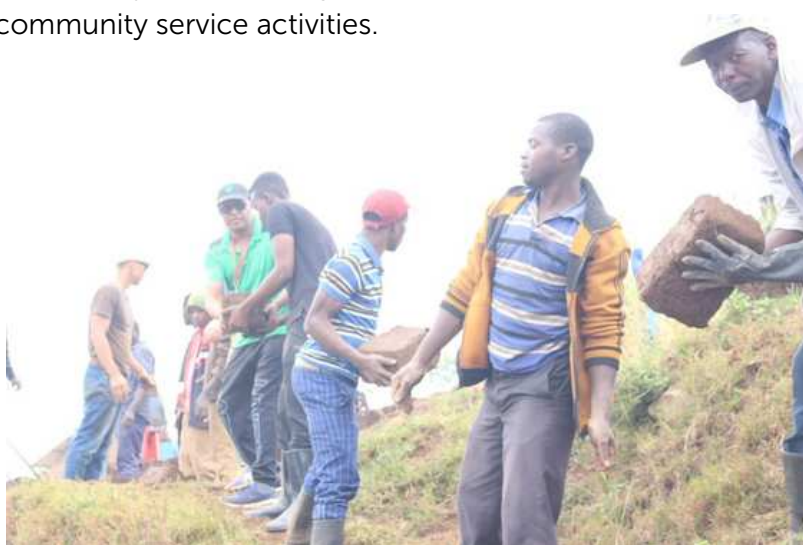


Ancient way of quick work and motivation strategy at the cite.

In addition to the monthly Umuganda program, UGHE has also initiated other community outreach efforts to further strengthen our relationship with the neighborhood citizens. These include organizing community dialogues, town hall meetings, and cultural exchange programs. These initiatives have facilitated constructive discussions, enabled us to share our vision and goals with the community, and fostered a sense of ownership and pride among the neighborhood citizens.

It's a pleasure to share with you the wonderful progress we have made in fostering a strong and meaningful relationship with the citizens of our neighborhood. At UGHE, we believe in the importance of community engagement and the value of building strong bonds with our neighbors. Over the past few months, we have been actively involved in community outreach initiatives, with a special highlight on our monthly Umuganda program.

Umuganda, a Rwandan tradition that promotes community service and social cohesion, has been at the heart of our efforts to connect with our neighbors and build a sense of togetherness. On the last Saturday of every month, UGHE staff, faculty, and students, along with members of the local community, come together to participate in various community service activities.



Professor Daniel at the cite with the community in Umuganda

UGHE is proud of the progress made in building a strong bond with our neighbors and creating a positive impact in our community. The UGHE community is committed to sustaining and further expanding these efforts in the future. We believe that a strong relationship with our neighborhood citizens is vital in creating a harmonious and inclusive community where everyone can thrive.

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the neighborhood citizens for their warm embrace and active participation in our community outreach initiatives. We also express our appreciation to the UGHE staff, faculty -



Gallery showcasing the vibes at site and how things go.

-and students for their unwavering commitment and dedication to community engagement. Together, we are building a brighter future for our community, and we look forward to continuing this journey of collaboration and mutual support.



The End.



Bertrand D.

THE CONCERT TO YEARN FOR – VOZ ARMONIA PERFORMANCE!



The set up concert rostrum-like was so stunning

It was a Sunday like any other. The school was calm as it used to be – weekends are pretty like that here, a day without the dear ton of readings to worry about, that’s true at least for many. Sleep is the most chilling activity...quote me right if I say it’s the drug dose of a medical student.

It might have been a calm day for the other folks of the school community, but trust me, it was something else for the performers. Days of practice, many hours of rehearsals, and of course, endless contemplations of what that moment would be like, would feel like. It finally was at the door! They could feel it.

As the hour approached by - the clock ticking 15, it was time to set the stage. Just by the Dining Hall’s veranda, the Voz Armonia Concert’s Director had hit the spot that made every passerby stop. “It was going to be some show.” One of the audience members exclaimed. “We thought it was going to be a usual ‘come and listen to the music’ maybe in the flat studio, like it had been last year.”

Having the stage outdoors changed every expectation for the audience. The hype was rising!

The clock was ticking a few minutes to 18, the intended time for the concert to start. In eye drilling elegant clothing, the performers started to emerge from their rooms. Texts were whooshing across the campus communication platforms, and for the audience, something was blooming up. The performers had managed to set that forehand anticipé. It was showtime!

I was in my room, just right after my evening shower, like most of my other classmates, planning here and there how to go about the week – a lab report had to be submitted the next day, and there was an exam in line that coming Friday. “I had planned to be there for a few minutes while I take my dinner and definitely leave as soon as my food is done.” Of course, it was going to be a tough week and the first day’s prep had to be maximized.

Guess what happened?

Arriving to the concert ground, ‘Hellujah by Pentatonix’ was next on play. Don’t ask me how I got through the cafeteria line very fast; all I know was that within just a few minutes, I was all seated listening to the beautiful voices chant.

It was just at the start, but the party was all already lit. The performers surely had all our attention in their hands. For those of us who had first served our food, we had nearly forgotten about it by the end of the first performance.

After the rumble of wows, claps, and cheers, ‘Zirikana’ a Rwandan contemporary song by Niyomugabo Philemon followed, with words of inspiration on loyalty, integrity, and love never backing down. It was only two performances by far, and the whole crowd was in awe. The students and staff who had been delayed for the concert were rushing up; the Dining Hall veranda was filling up in all corners.



After the concert the singers took time to some more time (enjoying themselves)



Happy Voz armonia 2022.

It was not later when a triad of three gorgeous ladies in dark blue, claret, and black dresses (Benitha, Adelphine, and Ada, respectively) just started in the notes of "Lift me up", the Wakanda theme by Rihanna. What a moment! Just a few days after the release of the renowned Black Panther 2. Phone lights went up, arms waving, it was all smiles and cheers of joy.

"The performers really outdid our expectations!" one audience exclaimed to us. "Regardless that I had classes and exams to prepare for, I stayed for the entire concert!"

Breathtaking moments like the all-gents performance, "Your Man" by Josh Turner, and Princiana and Sabrina's Duo of N'y pense plus by Tayc surely left every one of the audience in awe.

Say it was a romantic moment, you are right! Masterpieces like Falling by Trevor, Can't help falling in Love, Elvis' own, and Too late, Igor's ingenious, were not missed.

A moment of realization, a glimpse of the melodies, a time to yearn for. The Voz Concert came when it was most needed.



The dresses and color code glittered all thru the night.

"I never thought of Adrien making such moves!" One audience member told us, reflecting on the group performance that blew off the stage, "Ohh happy day!" the all-time sensational piece by Edwin Hawkin Singers.

As the concert came to an end, more beautiful spices were still in the oven. Song dedication – the audience was given the floor to dedicate songs being performed, to their cherished ones. Just say it was another epitome to crave for, the romantic espice to it, and the cheer it rose.

For the relentless hard work of the performers, dedicating hours, and energy to their rehearsals, the entire UGHE community is grateful to them. "The concert was really a college vibe performance!" every one of the audience we approached noted.

"Our expectations were to see happy faces, people loving the songs, and more, singing along. All this happened. We were very happy!" Ada Mola, a Voz Member, appreciated it!



The team, singers and musician altogether

For a community, having such joyful, absorbing, and delightful moments is a worthy occasion. Going forward, we believe more are in preparation!



The End.

Journal feedback here:
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POEM: THE PORTRAIT OF A LAZY STUDENT.



Before she stirs up from deep slumber
Or sprout up to go to class
She stretches in the bed till the sun's hot.
She drags to class long the past calling bell
She appears with her house buckled.



She never accesses e-learning
She ever accesses e-chatting
She never craves more beyond
As one may retain her serenity
To pity her is just a favor.

She opens her book with an unbiased look
She reads with her mind away from the book
She uses her mouth more than her brain
She avoids the teacher's eyes
She plays hide and seek with him.

Never ready to answer any question
Her mind was all on the forthcoming bell
She sits in the classroom seeing anger as
Her sitting style is a misty blanket
Her focus is less than zero.

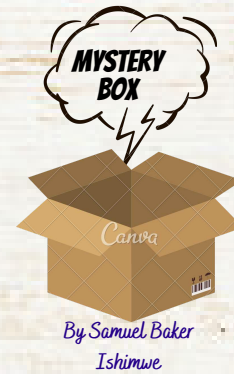


No one is born a coward
It's all charity that begins at home
And one's dream along the way
By the way, we've gold in ourselves
Revealed by our attitudes and aptitudes.

She never reads books to study
She reads circumventing figures around
She never counts the remaining chapters
She ever counts the remaining days
She brands herself as a timekeeper.

Her class is always up to date
She is ever inert and obsolete
Her friends endeavor to step up
She sternly endeavors to think back
She is lazier in mind than her body.

A lazy student
Is a lazy citizen
Is out of the world's vision
She sinks in the world's woe ocean
Better to pull up her socks.



She keeps on jeopardizing her parents
Letting down her brothers and sisters
She never minds treaties with her parents
She inconsiderate their advice
Instead of overhauling

The End.



Samuel Baker I.

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High posts-UGHE Butaro Campus



Entrim Vice Chancellor Joel M, Dean Abebe B welcoming Cohort 4 at UGHE.

In a groundbreaking achievement for the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), the esteemed institution has recently welcomed its fourth cohort of 48 medical students pursuing the prestigious MBBS/MGHD program. What makes this cohort particularly noteworthy is the remarkable diversity it brings to the campus, with students hailing from different settings and countries, including those in the Partners in Health (PIH) network in Africa such as Rwanda, Liberia, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Lesotho, and other PIH partner nations in Africa.

Since its inception, UGHE has aimed to transform health education and foster a new generation of healthcare leaders who are committed to addressing health disparities and challenges faced by vulnerable populations. These new students received a special welcome by touring the school with their parents on the same day, guided by their fellows in Cohort 3 (MBBS28).

With the launch of the fourth cohort, UGHE takes another step towards fulfilling its vision of a global health community that transcends borders and actively seeks solutions for health disparities worldwide.

The students' varied backgrounds reflect UGHE's commitment to fostering an inclusive and culturally rich environment, where aspiring healthcare leaders can exchange ideas and learn from one another.

As these young minds embark on their journey toward becoming healthcare professionals, they will undergo a rigorous and innovative curriculum designed to equip them with the skills to tackle the complexities of modern healthcare. The program emphasizes not only medical knowledge but also crucial aspects of community engagement, ethics, and leadership.

Prof. Abebe Bekele, the Dean of the School of Medicine at UGHE, expressed his enthusiasm for the incoming cohort, stating, "We are thrilled to welcome these lucky students to UGHE. Their diverse backgrounds and experiences will undoubtedly enrich the learning environment and strengthen our collective resolve to tackle global health challenges."

As this cohort begins their studies, the world eagerly awaits the contributions and positive changes they with their senior colleagues in other affiliates will undoubtedly bring to the field of medicine and the communities they serve.

Pascal Kalisa

Seeing myself in a professional career as a future doctor was a very splendid thing for me when I arrived at university for the first time. I felt both excited and stressed on my first day at university. My hope is that living together and interacting with diverse people will open my mind and help me connect with the global village. It will be my privilege as a global leader to make a positive impact on how health is derived worldwide.



David B-Imas Saizay

My 1st Day on campus was a very overwhelming experience, having seen all the videos on YouTube about campus tour over the past few weeks and seeing everything in the video real life was mesmerizing.



One thing that thrilled me the most was the beautiful view of Mother Nature: the hills, the trees and the nice view of the Volcano. I envision myself walking hand to hand with our leaders and helping them in my best capacity to meet the vision of this community.

Hirwa Uwacu Gisele

The very first day I reached UGHE, I was very excited and nervous. I was amazed by how welcoming and friendly everybody was. As we toured around the school, I got familiarized with different departments which were very helpful moving forward. In this multicultural adversity, I hope to gain lifelong relationships and get to socialize with different people with different cultures. I envision grabbing the opportunity to learn from my fellow students and renowned professors and everyone in UGHE for the amazing people they are.



Queen Gihozo

After a five-hour journey, I was soothed by the cool wind and hills surrounding the UGHE campus. The campus was something I had not experienced before; I mean, I had some expectations, but it all exceeded my expectations.



In terms of facilities and the loving nature of everyone. Indeed, there are all the necessary resources needed to realize my dreams. Besides being a medical doctor, I want to try new adventures I didn't have an opportunity to explore in High School. I have so far learned new things like riding the bicycle, dancing Amaraba, and I can't wait to learn more from my colleagues. I also envision contributing to the vibrancy of this campus by improving my singing to spice concerts and different events.

MBBS class 2024

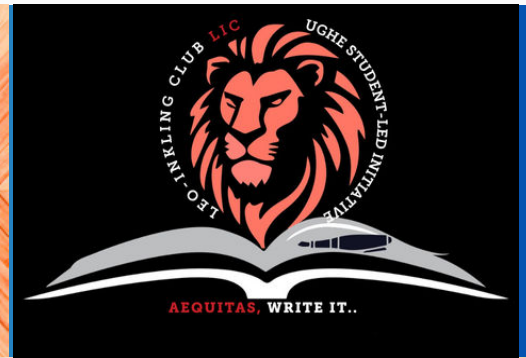


As AEQUITAS interviewed a few new cohort members, we greatly appreciated their willingness to share their experiences.



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